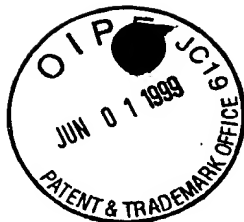


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of one month to respond to the Notice of Missing Parts dated March 19, 1999. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than June 19, 1999.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17, the required fee of \$110 is attached hereto.

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